

REMARKS

This Response and Amendment is filed in reply to the Office action dated June 30, 2005. Claims 1-30 are currently pending. As acknowledged by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office action, claims 16-30 were withdrawn from consideration in the Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement filed on April 11, 2005. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-6 are amended, leaving claims 2, 3, and 7-15 unchanged.

SPECIFICATION

On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner objects to the title of the invention as not being descriptive.

The title of the invention is hereby amended to address the Examiner's objection thereto. Withdrawal of the objection to the title is therefore respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Also on page 2 of the Office action, claims 1 and 4-6 are objected to based upon informalities identified by the Examiner in claims 1 and 4-6. Claims 1 and 4 are hereby amended to address the Examiner's claim objections. Therefore, withdrawal of objections to claims 1 and 4-6 is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 103

On pages 3-7 of the Office action, claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,864,916 issued to Nayar et al. ("Nayar") in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,943,094 issued to Sakai et al. ("Sakai").

The Applicant notes that the present invention claims foreign priority to GB Number 9906765.4, filed on March 25, 1999. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that Nayar is not prior art to the present application. Sakai is cited by the Examiner as teaching a step of establishing a camera offset by measuring or calculating the output voltage of the camera when

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substantially no light falls on any of its sensor elements. However, Sakai alone fails to teach, describe, or suggest each of the elements and limitations claimed in amended claim 1.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. The Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the attorneys of record in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

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